

THE YOUNG PHILANTHROPISTS

Annual
Christmas
Concert

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VICTORIA ELLIOTT

SOPRANO

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Foreword

A decade ago, in the first confused months of World War II, a few young men and women, engaged in various occupations in the City of Belfast, conceived the idea of devoting their leisure hours to the accumulation of funds for the Mater Infirmorum Hospital, a voluntary institution with a tradition as honourable as its funds were inadequate.

An inaugural meeting was called and the assembled few decided that hereafter they should be known as the Young Philanthropists.

A Constitution, drawn up on the spot, expressed ideals so lofty that only the least sophisticated members of that little gathering could have hoped for their practical application in a world so full of self-interest. A few months, or at the most, a year would see a weakening of purpose and the eventual scrapping of this naive document. Didn't it contain such noble but unpractical resolutions as " . . . and 100% of the profits of each and every function shall be passed intact to the administrators of the Hospital"? Or again " . . . no member shall derive personal profit or advantage of any kind from his or her work for the Mater Hospital." Fine words, no doubt, but not likely to survive long the cold douche of reality! It had all been tried before and there was not a single example of any similar organisation having lasted for more than a few months. Where so many had failed, could this attempt succeed?

That it did succeed, and succeed gloriously, is now a matter of history. In the ten years that have passed since then the name "Young Philanthropists" has become a synonym for efficient organisation.

The Committee, whose origin has been so briefly outlined above take the opportunity here presented to record their recognition of the fact that but for the continued support accorded their productions by the generous Ulster public their efforts would have been in vain.



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We write these words to express our deep thanks to each and every one of you here to-night for your patronage and wish you all great Joy and Contentment at this Holy Season of Christmas. We are not unmindful of those friends who for divers reasons, are unable to be with us on this great occasion; to them and to our many friends overseas, we wish Good Cheer and many Blessings.

The entire proceeds of to-night's Concert will be donated to the inadequate funds of the Mater Infirmorum Hospital which still continues without State Aid the noble work of healing the sick and the maimed. For your unstinted support the Mater Hospital is truly grateful.

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Selected.

Accompanist : JEANNIE REDDIN

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Part Two

EXCERPTS from "Cavalleria Rusticana"

Mascagni.

- (a) Orchestral prelude and opening chorus.
- (b) Santuzza's Aria—**Victoria Elliott.**
- (c) Intermezzo—**Orchestra.**
- (d) Easter Hymn—**Chorus.**

EXCERPTS from "Pagliacci"

Leoncavallo.

- (a) Prologue—**George Hancock.**
- (b) "Such a game"—**Arthur Servent.**
- (c) "On with the Motley"—**Arthur Servent.**
- (d) "Silvio at this hour"—**Duet: Victoria Elliott and George Hancock.**

EXCERPTS from "Il Trovatore"

Verdi.

- (a) Anvil Chorus.
"Fierce Flames"—**Patricia Black.**
- (b) Convent Scene
"Tempest of the heart"—**George Hancock.**
"Away with caution hide"—**Chorus.**
- (c) "Shake the dice box" } **Chorus**
"Trumpet for battle" }
- (d) "Breeze of the night"—**Victoria Elliott.**
"Miserere"—**Victoria Elliott, Arthur Servent, and Chorus.**
- (e) "Mother thou sleep'st not" } **Duet: Patricia Black and Arthur Servent**
"Home to our mountains" }

Chorus of the Queen's Ladies in waiting from "Don Carlos."

Verdi.

EXCERPTS from "Faust"

Gounod.

- (a) "The stars grow pale"—**Arthur Servent and Peasants Chorus.**
- (b) Valentine's Cavatina—"Even bravest hearts"—**George Hancock.**
- (c) Chorale—"Against the power of evil"—**Chorus.**
Waltz—"Light as air"—**Chorus.**
- (d) "King of Thule" and "Jewel song"—**Victoria Elliott.**
- (e) "The hour is late"—**Duet: Victoria Elliott and Arthur Servent.**
- (f) Siobels romance—"When all was young"—**Patricia Black.**
- (g) "Death of Valentine."
- (h) "Soldiers Chorus"

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—*Whately.*



"Although there are thousands of subjects for elegant conversation, there are persons who cannot meet a cripple without talking about feet."

—*Chinese Proverb.*



"Everyone is as God has made him, and oftentimes a great deal worse."

—*Cervantes (Don Quixote).*

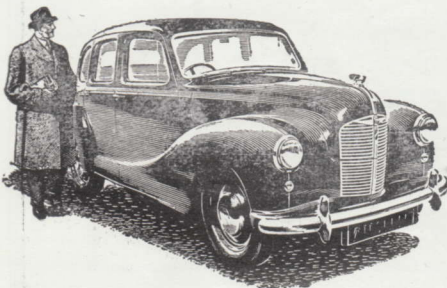


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Ten Years Ago . . .

ON the opposite page we reproduce the Programme cover of the Christmas Concert of 1940. Many patrons in to-night's audience will possibly recall this actual concert with great pleasure. John Torney is at present on tour as Schubert in "LILAC TIME" and for his performances is receiving very high commendation from the Press. "The best Schubert we have ever heard," they say. After Carl Rosa ceased to function John Torney went on concert tour in association with Vere Laurie but representations made to him by the producers of "LILAC TIME" won him back to the operatic stage. He has just returned to England after a short holiday at his Ormeau Road home.

The figure and voice of the late William Broderick is still fresh in the memories of many Belfast concert-goers.

Olive Briggs the brilliant Irish Contralto who had many successes on the Concert Platform, a native of Belfast; we were proud to have the honour of presenting such a notable artiste.

Our Stage Manager ten years ago was none other than Mr. James Davey, who, we are pleased to say, is acting in a similar capacity to-night. His help and advice in all our productions has been invaluable.

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And the angel said to them .
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of great joy
that shall be to all the people :
For, this day is born to you a Saviour,
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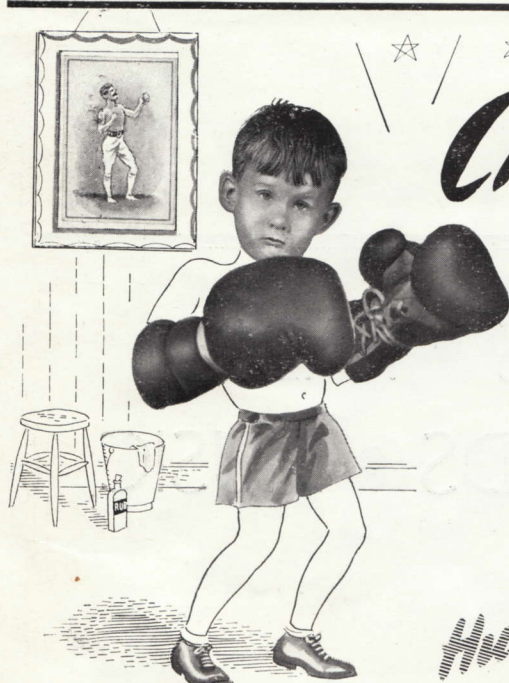
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